

Spotlight on Barnwell County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Southwestern area of the state
- Surrounded by Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, and Orangeburg Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 64.3 degrees and experiences 46.06 inches of precipitation annually

Population

- Equaled approximately 23,525 in 2001
- Comprised of 55.2% white and 44.8% nonwhite
- Median age was 35.5 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 23,100 by 2005

Labor Force

- Decreased from 10,760 in 2001 to 10,380 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 8.0% in 2001 to 8.8% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 9,470 in 2002

Per Capita Income

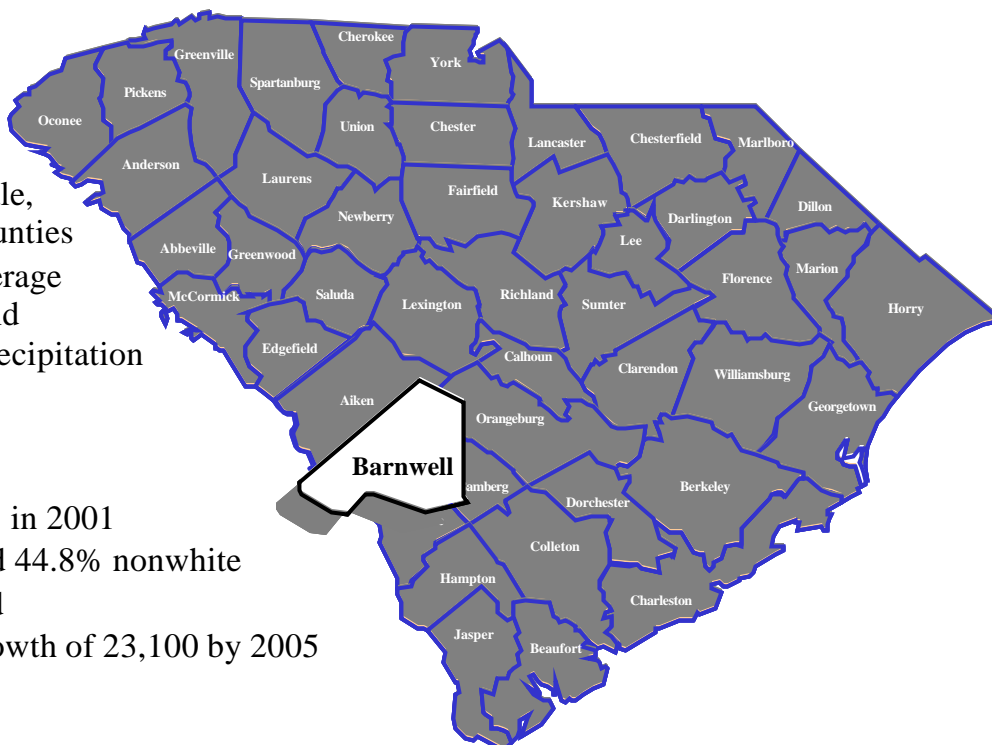
- Per capita income for the County was \$22,346 in 2001
- It was 90% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Barnwell Workforce Center, which serves Allendale and Barnwell Counties, paid \$4,392,044 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

Barnwell Workforce Center

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